As could be seen from the above the shortfall in production and distribution is insignificant.

Indo-Soviet Agreement to Develop Oil Technology

575. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Soviet Union have reached an agreement to develop a sophisticated systematic technology to determine oil deposits in the prospective basins in the country;

(b) whether a Soviet team of experts headed by noted geoscientists visited India in January, 1988 to help ONGC experts in developing the technology; and

(c) if so, to what extent this technology has helped India so far in determining the oil deposits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Oil Refinery at Karnal

576. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to set up oil refinery at Karnal (Haryana) has been shelved by Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for delay in taking up project and by when the work is likely to be taken up and the period by which the project is likely to be completed.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two Joint Venture partners *viz.* Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. & Tata Chemicals Ltd., a Detailed Project Report (DPR) was submitted by them in May, 1988. The DPR was examined by the Government and the Joint Venture Company was asked to incorporate material relating to evaluation of different processing schemes, some detailed engineering etc. in the DPR which is essential to arrive at a realistic cost estimate and time frame for project implementation. Target date for completion has not been fixed.

Complaints Against Petrol Pump Dealers and LPG Agencies of Delhi

577. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry and Petroleum Companies have received a number of complaints regarding corruption, rude behaviour, malpractices etc., against some Petrol pump dealers and LPG Agencies located in Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the number and nature of the complaints which have been received against each company during the last three years; and

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government in this regard and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Oil Marketing Companies have received complaints against Retail Outlet (Petrol/Diesel) Dealerships and LPG Distributorships during the last three years. These complaints generally relate to rude behaviour, short delivery, product contamination, over-charging, non-availability of

free air etc. The year-wise number of complaints received is indicated below:

Year	LPG	Retail Outlets
1986-87	1338	70
1987-88	3403	47
1988-89(up to Dec. '88)	2268	46

(c) All complaints received by the oil companies against LPG distributorships and Retail Outlet dealerships are investigated promptly, whenever necessary, and appropriate action, varying from warning letter and suspension of supplies to even termination of distributorships/dealerships in some cases, is taken against the erring distributors/dealers, in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

Short Fall in the Domestic Production of LPG

578. SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to faulty planning and lack of coordination among the offical agencies, the domestic production of LPG has come down;

(b) whether due to existing inadequate port handling facilities, the import of LPG is also not feasible;

(c) if so, what is the cause shortfall in the production of LPG; and

(d) what are the steps propose to be taken by Govt. to boost its production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. During the current year, over 2.3 lakh MT of LPG is being imported.

(c) and (d) As it is a clean, cheap and convenient cooking fuel, demand for LPG continues to outstrip supply. However, continuous efforts are being made to maximise indigenous production of LPG and also import the product to the extent feasible, in order to meet the growing demand.

Training to the Employees of Petroleum Industry in Safety Measures

579. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme for training of employees of petroleum industry like those working in LPG bottling plants etc. in safety measures; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Government have not formulated any scheme in this regard since the public sector oil companies have their own schemes for such training programme.

सातवीं योजनावधि के दौरान राजस्थान में नए उद्योगों का स्थापित किया जाना

580. **डा. अबरार अहमद खान** : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) राजस्थान में सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्त तक कौन-कौन से नए उद्योग स्थापित किये जाने का प्रस्ताव है और कहां-कहां पर और क्या सातवीं योजना के लिए निर्धारित पूंजी का विनियोजन हुआ है और राजस्थान के लिए निर्धारित औद्योगिक लक्ष्य किस हद तक प्राप्त किये गए हैं;

(ख) क्या आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान राजस्थान के औद्योगीकरण पर कोई विशेष ध्यान दिये जाने की संभावना है, क्या राजस्थान के रेगिस्तानी इलाके के विकास के लिए उन क्षेत्रों की जलवायु के अनुरूप औद्योगीकरण की कोई योजना बनाई जा रही है यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं, क्या राजस्थान में उद्योगों के विकेन्द्रीकरण पर ध्यान दिये जाने की कोई संभावना है; और